

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 592

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A RESOLUTION recognizing Brigadier General Mark A. Milley, Deputy Commanding General (Operations), 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (Air Assault) and Fort Campbell.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are honored to recognize this country's military leaders who have dedicated their careers and their lives to protecting the freedoms which Americans hold dear; and

WHEREAS, Brigadier General Mark A. Milley, Deputy Commanding General (Operations), 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (Air Assault) and Fort Campbell is one such noteworthy individual who has served with honor and valor as a leader of soldiers through times of combat and of peace; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2009, Brigadier General Milley will participate in the time-honored Honor Eagle ceremony; and

WHEREAS, hailing from Winchester, Massachusetts, Brigadier General Milley was commissioned in 1980; and

WHEREAS, he has held a variety of command and staff assignments in the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, the 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division (Light), the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, the 2d Infantry Division, the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division, and the 5<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group; and

WHEREAS, evincing the utmost professionalism and the greatest integrity, Brigadier General Milley has held numerous commands, including Special Forces Operational Detachment "A", 5<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group, Rifle Company and Headquarters Company; 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 21<sup>st</sup> Infantry, 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division (Light); 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 506<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 2d Infantry Division; U.S. Provisional Brigade – Task Force Eagle, Multi-National Division (North), Bosnia; and 2d Brigade Combat Team, 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division (Light); and

WHEREAS, Brigadier General Milley served with acumen and alacrity in a number of key staff assignments, including service as G3, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division (Light); Chief of Staff, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division (Light); Assistant Director for Joint Operations, the Joint Staff; and Military Assistant to the Secretary of Defense; and

WHEREAS, in his most recent assignment, Brigadier General Milley has dedicated his leadership abilities and singular skills to his duty as Deputy Commanding General (Operations), 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (Air Assault) and Fort Campbell; and

WHEREAS, in service to the United States Army and the country it protects, Brigadier General Milley has rendered sterling service throughout his many assignments; he has been deployed to multiple contingency operations, including MFO-Sinai; Operation Just Cause, Panama; Operation Uphold Democracy, Haiti; Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan; and Operation Iraqi Freedom, Iraq; and; and

WHEREAS, he holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Princeton University, a Master of Arts degree in International Relations from Columbia University, a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the United States Naval War College, and he is a Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Seminar XXI Fellow; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Brigadier General Milley has earned a number of distinctions and decorations throughout his career, including, among others, the Defense Superior Service Medal (OLC), Legion of Merit (OLC), and the Bronze Star; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career as a soldier and officer, Brigadier General Mark A. Milley has served with the utmost dignity and with dedication to the highest tenets of honor and, as a decorated member of the United States Army, is wholly deserving of the recognition and respect of this Body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and applaud Brigadier General Mark A. Milley, Deputy Commanding General (Operations), 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (Air Assault) and Fort Campbell, for his many years of dedicated service to this country and congratulate him on the occasion of his

Honor Eagle ceremony, extending our best wishes for continued success in his every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.